

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—**St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated** to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 3

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Well what a successful few days it has been for St Mary's, firstly let me start by thanking the fair co-coordinators Karen Elliott and Rachel Morris and the P.T.A. for organizing and implementing a brilliant fair. The whole day was excellent, and also a big thank you to all of the other willing helpers and to the families for all their generous donations of prizes and support of our fair.

The time and effort that the P.T.A. put in to running our fair is immense and they do it with two clear goals, firstly to have a great day for our community and secondly to raise much needed funds for our school. They achieve this goal by hard work and an immense level of loyalty and enthusiasm. So thank you to the P.T.A., your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Then yesterday we had our Athletic Sports and this turned out to be another great day. The weather looked marginal at the beginning of the day but our weather lady, Mrs Dillon said it would be fine and it was. I was thrilled by the effort put in by all of our pupils and as a school we were very proud that another St Mary's pupil has won the Dillon Cup for the best overall athlete. Cameron Dyer won this award by achieving a perfect score of 36 points. Once again thank you to all of our great helpers, without you this day would not have been nearly as successful.

This year seems to have been a busy year right from the first of February when we started but the next weeks will be even busier so please check the diary of up coming events section to ensure you are all aware of all that is coming up at school.

It is the time of the year when the secondary school hold their senior prize giving ceremonies and I always read these with interest noting the names of our ex-pupils and remembering them when they left us after Year Eight.

To all of these ex-pupils who are reading this congratulations on your successes since you left us.

Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan



School Fair Photos



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Athletic Sports



ICAS

Over the course of the year a number of pupils have sat various ICAS exams. These are run by the University of New South Wales and pupils from around the Southern Hemisphere take part in them. Children who achieve very high results are awarded a credit certificate to acknowledge the high level of their work. The pupils who received commendations for their results are as follows:

Mathematics: Credit

Bridget O'Neill Yr 4
Joshua Illingworth Yr 5
Max Petre Yr 6
Quintin Petre Yr 8

Writing: Credit

Bridget O'Neill Yr 4
Sinead Illingworth Yr 7
Alysha Beattie Yr 8

English: Credit

Sam O'Neill Yr 4
Zara Gallivan Yr 5
Joshua Hyde Yr 6
Tayla Anderson Yr 8

Computer Skills:

Credit:
Alex Cochrane Yr 5

Deacon Vaughan Hook

Please keep Deacon Vaughan Hook in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to Priesthood on Friday 2nd December at 7pm, in our Parish Church at Holy Cross College. His thanksgiving Mass will be on Saturday 3rd December at 11am also at Holy Cross.

St Mary's school pupils will be involved with both services. You are invited to attend.
More information to follow.

School Photos

Please send your orders back to the school office by **this Thursday** at the latest.



Altar Servers Sunday 13th November
Brendan, Bridget and Sam O'Neill

Looking Ahead Term 4

November

9th First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, Parish Centre 7pm

9th BOT Meeting 7.30pm

11th Junior Assembly Rms 1,2 & 3, 2.20pm in the Hall—all welcome

18th Assembly—Room 7 (Camp)

21st—1st Dec Senior Swimming

22nd Otago Athletics Champs—qualifiers only

29th—2nd Life Education Bus

December

7/8th School Production

13th First Reconciliation

15th Final Mass

Art Work Calendars/Cards and Diaries

Once again the children and teachers are busy working on Artwork for either Calendars \$9, Greeting Cards \$10 a pack of 8, or new this year, Diaries \$14.

Samples are on display at the school office. Order forms will go home today, and we will need the orders in by **Friday 25th November**.

No Monte Carlo Lunches this Friday the 11th November.

A thought for the week...

'One's work may be finished some day, but one's education never'.
- Alexandre Dumas